SWORN STATEMENT

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, states under oath that the following are the names and street addresses of every person, corporation or association sponsoring the following initiative:

A statutory Initiative to permit public power companies to provide telecommunications services, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

List of Sponsors:

Linda Aerni 1000 – 53rd St. Columbus, NE 68601 Paul Schumacher 6255 Meyer Road Columbus, Nebraska 68601

<u>Jinda (livni)</u> Linda Aerni

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
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COUNTY OF PLATTE)

On this <u>H</u> day of August, 2007, the foregoing Sworn Statement was subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in person by Linda Aerni who is personally known to me and who acknowledged the same to her voluntary act and deed.

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
KAYLA BERKELAND
My Comm. Exp. June 28, 2009

Kayls Berlalond Notary Public

My commission expires few 28, 2009

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STATUTORY INITIATIVE

OBJECT STATEMENT:

To permit public power companies to provide telecommunications services.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to telecommunications; to authorize public power companies to provide all forms of telecommunications services; to define terms; and to harmonize provisions.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. (1) In addition to all other power and authority granted by law and to the extent not in conflict with federal law, public power companies are authorized to provide all forms of telecommunications, including, but not limited to, telephone, cable, broadband, Internet, data transmission, and information services, for a fee on a wholesale or retail basis to customers within their service areas. Public power companies shall have such additional powers as are necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers provided in this subsection, specifically including, but not limited to, the power to construct, operate, and maintain facilities for transmissions between their service areas and other service areas or public or private telecommunications networks and to enter into agreements, partnerships, or other arrangements with private and public entities for the provision of services.

(2) For purposes of this section:

- (a) Public power company means any of the following entities formed under Nebraska law, acting independently or in cooperation with another public power company: A public power district, a municipal electric utility, a rural power district, a public power and irrigation district, an electric cooperative corporation, or any public body, authority, or commission, municipality, joint entity formed under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, joint public agency formed under the Joint Public Agency Act, or agency formed under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act which has the authority to engage in or franchise the generation, transmission, transformation, distribution, or sale of electric power and energy; and
- (b) Service area means that geographic area where a public power company provides electric power on a wholesale or retail basis;
- (3) Nothing in this section shall require a public power company to provide telecommunication services.
- (4) The prohibitions of sections 86-594 and 86-595 shall not apply to services provided by a public power company under this section.